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1. FOLLOWING PROPOSED RESOLUTION WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO ASSEMBLY PARTICIPANTS MORNING OF SEPTEMBER 29, CO-SPONSORED BY ALGERIA, ETHIOPIA, KUWAIT, PAKISTAN, SRI LANKA, TANZANIA, YOUGOSLAVIA AND ZAMBIA:

QUOTE. THE ASSEMBLY OF PARTIES OF INTELSAT, RECALLING THE U.N. GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION NO. 2758 (XXVI) WHICH RESTORED THE LAWFUL RIGHTS OF THE PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF CHINA IN THE UNITED NATIONS AND RECOGNIZED THE REPRESENTATIVES OF ITS GOVERNMENT AS THE ONLY LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATIVES OF CHINA TO THE UNITED NATIONS.

FURTHER RECALLING THAT THE ITU, IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE ABOVEMENTIONED UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY CONFIDENTIAL

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RESOLUTION, HAS RESTORED ALL THE RIGHTS OF THE GOVERNMENT

OF THE PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF CHINA.

DECIDES TO RECOGNIZE THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLES
REPUBLIC OF CHINA, AS THE SOLE LEGAL GOVERNMENT OF
CHINA, WHICH HAS THE AUTHORITIY TO REPRESENT CHINA IN
THE INTELSAT

FURTHER DECIDES TO EXPEL FORTHWITH THE REPRESENTATIVES OF CHIANG KAI-SHEK FROM THE PLACE WHICH THEY UNLAWFULLY OCCUPY IN INTELSAT. END QUOTE.

- 2. UPON LEARNING OF CO-SPONSORS' INTENTION TO TABLE FOREGOING PROPOSAL, USDEL MET WITH PAKISTANIS. WE EMPHASIZED DIFFICULTY THAT PROPOSED LANGUAGE WOULD CREATE FOR SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF DELEGATIONS. RESULT COULD BE ACRIMONIOUS DEBATE AND FINAL VOTE WHICH, EVEN IF FAVORABLE, WOULD BE CONSIDERABLY LESS THAN CONSENSUS EXPRESSION OF WILLINGNESS TO SEE PRC BECOME MEMBER. WE ALSO SUGGESTED THAT TEXT OF PROPOSED RESOLUTION WENT FURTHER THAN PAKISTAN DEL HAD TO GO IN ORDER TO CARRY OUT HIS INSTRUCTIONS.
- 3. AFTER LENGTHY DISCUSSION, PAKISTANIS TENTATIVELY AGREED THAT MORE MODERATE TEXT MIGHT SERVE THEIR PURPOSES BETTER. BY "MORE MODERATE" THEY MEANT THE FOLLOWING:

QUOTE: RECALLING GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 2758 (XXVI) WHICH RESTORED THE LAWFUL RIGHTS OF THE PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF CHINA IN THE UNITED NATIONS, RECOGNIZED THE GEPRESENTATIVES OF ITS GOVERNMENT AS THE ONLY LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATIVE OF CHINA IN THE UNITED NATIONS, FURTHER RECALLING THAT. CONSISTENT WITH THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION, THE PRC TOOK ITS RIGHTFUL SEAT IN THE ITU, TAKING NOTE THAT THE PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF CHINA HAS NOT BEEN REPRESENTED IN THE INTELSAT ORGANIZATION, AND THAT THE PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF CHINA HAS EXPRESSED INTEREST IN JOINING INTELSAT AND IN TAKING PART IN ITS ACTIVITIES WITH A VIEW TO PROMOTING TELECOMMUNICATIONS COOPERATION BETWEEN THE PEOPLES OF ALL COUNTRIES AND DEVELOPING INTER-NATIONAL SATELLITE TELECOMMUNICATIONS, WELCOMES THE EXPRESSION OF INTEREST OF THE PEOPLES CONFIDENTIAL

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REPUBLIC OF CHINA IN JOINING INTELSAT AND LOOKS FORWARD TO ITS PARTICIPATION AS A MEMBER. END QUOTEJM PAKISTANIS SAID THAT THEY WOULD DISCUSS MORE MODERATE TEXT WITH THEIR CO-SPONSORS TONIGHT.

4. COMMENT: TEXT IN PARA 3 ABOVE ALMOST CERTAINLY REPRESENTS BEST POSSIBLE OUTCOME AT THIS POINT. ACHIEVE-MENT OF THIS OUTCOME, HOWEVER, IS HIGHLY UNCERTAIN.

FIRST THERE IS QUESTION OF WHETHER PAKISTANIS WILL BE ABLE TO CONVINCE OTHER CO-SPONSORS TO MOVE AWAY FROM TEXT IN PARA 1, WHICH HAS ALREADY BEEN PRINTED AND IS READY FOR DISTRIBUTION TO PARTIES AT OPENING OF BUSINESS TOMORROW. SECOND, IF CO-SPONSORS DO AGREE, IT WILL BE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TACTICALLY TO ACHIEVE REPLACEMENT BY TEXT IN PARA 3. OTHER PARTIES COULD OFFER AMENDMENTS WHICH MIGHT EXACERBATE RATHER THAN HELP SITUATION FROM OUR POINT OF VIEW, INCLUDING POSSIBILITY OF SOME REFERENCE TO TAIWAN ACCESS TO INTELSAT SYSTEM.

5. ACTION REQUESTED. USDEL REQUESTS INSTRUCTIONS WITH REGARD TO (A) POSITION ON RESOLUTION TEXT IN PARA 1; (B) POSITION ON RESOLUTION ALONG LINES OF TEXT IN PARA 3; AND (C) IF TEXT ALONG LINES OF PARA 3 IS ACCEPTABLE, AUTHORIZATION FOR USDEL TO WORK BEHIND SCENES TO ACHIEVE ITS ADOPTION. INSTRUCTIONS ARE NEEDED BY 0800 NAIROBI TIME SEPTEMBER 29. MARSHALL

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